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TAGS: UN, RQ, PFOR

SUBJ: PUERTO RICO IN UN COMITE OF 24

REF: USUN 2945

1. COMITE OF 24 SECRETARIAT HAS TOLD US IN CONFIDENCE THAT CUBAN BACKED DRAFT RESOLUTION ON PUERTO RICO MAY SURFACE IN COMITE AS EARLY AS MEETING TOMORROW AFTERNOON AUG. 24 AND VOTE COULD COME ON MONDAY. OPERATIVE PORTION OF RESOLUTION WOULD, INTER ALIA, "REQUEST US TO REFRAIN FROM ANY ACTION, CORPORATE, EXECUTIVE OR OTHERWISE, WHICH COULD UNILATERALLY AFFECT RIGHT OF PUERTO RICANS TO SELF DETERMINATION." SUCH LANGUAGE, IF APPROVED, WOULD CONSTITUTE IMPLICIT CRITICISM BY UN OF PROPOSED PETROCHEMICAL SUPERPORT COMPLEX AND RECENTLY ESTABLISHED AD HOC COMMITTEE ON STATUS - TWO MEASURES AT HEART OF CURRENT PUERTO RICAN POLITICS. BOTH GOV. HERNANDEZ-COLON AND EX-GOV. FERRE HAVE URGED AMB. SCALI PERSONALLY TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO BLOCK SUCH UNPRECEDENTED AND OUTRAGEOUS INTERVENTION BY UN BODY IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF PUERTO RICO. CRITICISM OF SUPERPORT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY GALLING TO PUERTO RICANS SINCE THIS IS MATTER COMPLETELY UNDER JURISDICTION OF PUERTO RICAN GOVERNMENT.

2. WE BELIEVE THOSE WHO VOTED YESTERDAY FOR GIVING PUERTO RICANS A HEARING (SEE REFTEL) SHOULD BE PUT ON NOTICE IMMEDIATELY IN CAPITALS THAT US WOULD REGARD ANY NATION VOTING FOR RESOLUTION CONTAINING CRITICISM, EXPLICIT OR IMPLICIT, OF US-PUERTO RICAN RELATIONSHIP OR OF DECISIONS WHICH PUERTO RICAN GOVERNMENT MAY TAKE IN ECONOMIC FIELD AS GROSS INTERVENTION IN US AND PUERTO RICO'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS WITH INEVITABLE CONSEQUENCES FOR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP. WE ARE REALISTIC ENOUGH TO RECOGNIZE THAT SO-CALLED "LONG ESTABLISHED POSITIONS" OF USSR, BULGARIA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, YUGOSLAVIA AND OTHERS SUPPOSEDLY IMPEL THEM TO VOTE FOR SOME RESOLUTION KEEPING ISSUE ALIVE BEFORE COMMITTEE AND ALLOWING THEM TO REAFFIRM THEIR "ANTI-COLONIAL CREDENTIALS." WE ARE THEREFORE NOT REPEAT NOT URGING THAT THEY VOTE AGAINST A GIVEN RESOLUTION. WE ARE URGING INSTEAD THAT IN DOWN-TO-THE-WIRE BEHIND-THE-SCENES CONSULTATIONS THEY OPPOSE EFFORTS BY CUBA (SUPPORTED BY IRAQ, SYRIA AND POSSIBLY CHILE) TO INSIST ON LANGUAGE IN OPERATIVE PORTION OF RESOLUTION CRITICIZING US AND PUERTO RICO. IF DEMARCHE IS FIRM ENOUGH AND AT CONFIDENTIAL

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HIGH ENOUGH LEVEL, WE BELIEVE IT WILL HAVE DESIRED EFFECT SINCE SOVIETS AND EASTERN EUROPEANS, AS THEY PROMISED, DID REFRAIN FROM LOBBYING ON BEHALF OF HEARING FOR INDEPENDENTISTAS.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD APPRECIATE IMMEDIATE ENDORSEMENT BY DEPARTMENT OF THIS APPROACH IN SELECTED CAPITALS. FIJI IS OBVIOUSLY SPECIAL CASE AND WE MAY BE BEST ADVISED TO LEAVE THIS DEMARCHE WITH THE AUSTRALIANS. SIMILARLY, BELIEVE EMBASSIES IN

CAPITALS WHOSE REPS ABSTAINED AUG. 22 (REFTEL) SHOULD BE  
AUTHORIZED TO SAY "THANK YOU" AND TO DO WHAT THEY CAN TO FIRM UP  
OPPOSITION TO UNACCEPTABLE RESOLUTION. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE  
SENDING SEPTTEL TO FREETOWN.  
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